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In re the application of:
HUI-JUNG WU, ET AL.

Docket: 30-4731 (4780) DIV-1

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Group Art Unit:

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Examiner:

For: USE OF MULTIFUNCTIONAL SI-BASED OLIGOMER/POLYMER FOR THE
SURFACE MODIFICATION OF NANOPOROUS SILICA FILMS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the substantive examination of this case, please amend the above identified patent
application as follows:

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In the specification:

On page 1, line 7, after CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION, please change
the sentence to read:

A2. This patent application is a division of U.S. patent application serial number 09/488,075 filed
January 20, 2001 which was a continuation-in-part of, and claims the benefit of provisional
application serial number 60/117,248, filed on January 26, 1999, the disclosure of which is
incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

REMARKS

The undersigned respectfully requests substantive examination of this application in view

of the above.

Respectfully submitted,



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